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In re Patent Application of:)
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For: INFORMATION TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING METHOD . . .

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWING REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated May 3, 2001, requires substitute drawings because "drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text)."

In response, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the requirement for substitute drawings based on the following circumstances.

The subject Application is concerned with an invention involving steps of information printed on actual newspapers being first converted to a set of electronic data and headlines shown on a newspaper being displayed as illustrated in Fig. 12. The invention further involves steps for displaying full articles, as illustrated in Fig. 13, corresponding to headlines selected by a user from those shown on a display.

For example, Figure 12 shows an example of newspapers (originally in Japanese), from which information is collected and illustrates how headlines are arranged on newspapers. It would be impractical (if not impossible) to translate the example newspaper into English without changing the original layout of the headline phrases. If they were translated, the figures would have to be redesigned to a headline layout of an English paper style. This would result in a totally different layout, which would destroy the purpose of the Figures. Further, if the Figures were translated into English, the accompanying description of the Figures in the Specification would not correspond to the Figures (because the description relates to the Figures' layout).

The Applicant submits that the actual meaning of the Japanese characters are irrelevant to the understanding of the invention, and are merely used to illustrate arbitrary characters used in a newspaper layout.

Therefore, in view of the above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement for substitute drawings be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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